

Northwest CT Sportsman's Council
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Council Minutes: October 26, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Craig Nelson. All rise for Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll of Delegates, Clubs, Officers and Guests:

Elise Mauriello, Newgate Coon Club & Bristol F&G; Phil Mauriello, Woodbury/Southbury R&G; Dean Fraley, CT Classic Bucks; Peter Thomas, Ousatonic F&G; Jerry Ciarcia, Waterbury F&G; Dominic Basile, Chase R&P; Mike Fusco, Harwinton R&G; Seamus Muzzlin, Rocky River Coon Club; Jake Parmalee, NW R&G, Mike O'Connell, UBC; Jason Marshall, NWCSA; Chris Marino, NVBC; Jim Fairchild, Bethlehem WCC; Tony Chianese, BWCC. {Add} Joe Rinaldi, Torrington F&G.

Officers in attendance: President, Vice President and Secretary.

Minutes for the September meeting have not been completed. Defer September minutes to November.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Tom Accuosti was not able to attend. The Secretary gave a report on bank balances as reported to him by the Treasurer.

Phil moves to accept the financial report as delivered. Motion is seconded. Approved.

Correspondence:

Committees:

Rapid Response: No report.

Banquet:

Discuss banquet date and tickets. We agreed to hold the banquet on February 23rd, 2007. This is one week later than usual. We are doing this so as not to conflict with the Northeast Expo. Ticket price remains the same at \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 12 years and older. Seating will be at tables of 10. Jason to call Grand Oak to verify date of banquet before printing tickets. Tickets limited to 350.

Review donations. Any delegate with questions regarding purchasing items for the banquet should check with Chris, Jason or Craig before making a purchase.

We need to organize items gathered to date and make a list.

Cooler of Cheer to be organized. Anyone with a bottle or two to donate can drop them off to Chris at Autumn Gun Works or bring them to the next Council meeting. This is a good opportunity for each of us to clean out our liquor cabinets!

Conservation Advisory Council:

Jason Marshall reported on the October CAC meeting. There was no quorum but several issues were discussed informally:

Bob Crook discussed handicapped hunting as it pertains to certain historic plots of Aquarion Water Company Lands. The issue is that since the State of CT buyout of development rights to this property, management must now comply with appropriate state statutes. Current state law does not provide for special uses such as handicapped hunting. Therefore, if most sportsmen would like to see handicapped access maintained, some new law or regulation will be needed. Bob stated that he would be willing to draft a proposal to accomplish this goal, and possibly extend access for handicapped to other areas of the state.

Two areas in Northwest CT will not receive pheasant stocking this year. They are Wood Creek and Paugusett Forest.

Discuss DEP testing program for deer.

Bob Crook asked BNR about the slow pace of opening newly acquired state lands to hunting. The answer is that the Hunting Review Teams are facing personnel issues. BNR does not have enough people to accomplish this work quickly. We have received quick reviews to authorize bow hunting, however firearms hunting seems to be lagging.

Update Lake Waramaug boat launch progress. It was reported that invasive plants have now been found in the lake.

Old Business:

Jason reports that the NWCSA donation to Metacon will be mailed directly to the club.

New Business:

Dominic reports on upcoming state elections. Republican Party does not appear to be doing a good job supporting their candidates.

Jake Parmalee reported on a legal assistance appeal received by the NW R&G Club from a New Hampshire Gun Club. This club is reportedly \$200,000 in debt due to an ongoing lawsuit filed against the club claiming noise and lead pollution. Dean motions to, "send a donation of \$100.00 to the Lone Pine Gun Club of New Hampshire." Dominic seconds. Discussion. Motion defeated.

Good of the Council:

Motion to adjourn. Passed

Adjourn: 910 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Chris Marino
Secretary, NWCSC